

State Mine Inspector

	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ESTIMATE	FY 2024 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	16.0	22.0	22.0 ^{1/}
Personal Services	402,000	702,500	702,500
Employee Related Expenditures	233,600	378,800	378,800
Professional and Outside Services	12,000	28,700	28,700
Travel - In State	93,700	72,600	72,600
Travel - Out of State	6,400	8,700	8,700
Other Operating Expenditures	183,400	235,900	235,900
Equipment	8,300	6,200	6,200
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	939,400	1,433,400	1,433,400
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Abandoned Mines	191,700	1,316,700	820,600
Aggregate Mining Land Reclamation	37,600	181,800	181,800 ^{2/}
AGENCY TOTAL	1,168,700	2,931,900	2,435,800 ^{3/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	1,131,100	2,819,000	2,322,900
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund	37,600	112,900	112,900
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	37,600	112,900	112,900
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	1,168,700	2,931,900	2,435,800
Federal Funds	358,200	473,500	473,500
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	1,526,900	3,405,400	2,909,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The State Mine Inspector is an elected constitutional officer and may serve 4 consecutive 4-year terms. The office inspects the health conditions and safety of mining operations, investigates mining accidents, identifies abandoned mines, and conducts safety certification classes for mine employees.

FOOTNOTES

- ^{1/} Includes 6 GF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2024.
- ^{2/} All aggregate mining reclamation fund monies received by the state mine inspector in excess of \$112,900 in fiscal year 2023-2024 are appropriated to the aggregate mining land reclamation line item. Before spending any aggregate mining reclamation fund monies in excess of \$112,900 in fiscal year 2023-2024, the state mine inspector shall report the intended use of the monies to the joint legislative budget committee and the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- ^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$1,433,400 and 16 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2024 for the operating budget. This amount is unchanged from FY 2023.

Abandoned Mines

The Baseline includes \$820,600 and 6 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2024 for the Abandoned Mines line item. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(496,100) from the General Fund in FY 2024 for removal of one-time equipment purchases for the Abandoned Mines line item.

This line item pays contractors to fill, plug, or fence abandoned mines. These monies are also used to pay administrative salaries and other costs. In addition to General Fund appropriations to the program, deposits can be made into the Abandoned Mines Safety Fund from sources such as intergovernmental agreements and donations.

Aggregate Mining Land Reclamation

The Baseline includes \$181,800 in FY 2024 for the Aggregate Mining Land Reclamation line item. This amount consists of:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
General Fund	\$68,900
Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund	112,900

Monies in this line item are used to review legally required plans to reclaim land damaged by aggregated mining and ensure compliance with those plans. Aggregate mining is a process whereby earth moving equipment is used to mine an area close to the surface for crushed rock or stone, granite, and sand. Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund revenues come from fees paid by owners or operators of aggregate mining sites upon submitting a reclamation plan.

These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate
Abandoned Mines Safety (MIA2408/A.R.S. § 27-131)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Gifts, grants and contributions. The Legislature may appropriate matching monies.		
Purpose of Fund: To locate, inventory, classify and eliminate public safety hazards at abandoned mines.		
Funds Expended	0	0
Year-End Fund Balance	134,800	134,800
Aggregate Mining Reclamation Fund (MIA2511/A.R.S. § 27-1233)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Fees collected from exploration and aggregate mining operations.		
Purpose of Fund: To review aggregate mining land reclamation plans and to enforce compliance with the plans.		
Funds Expended	37,600	112,900
Year-End Fund Balance	156,500	66,400
Federal Education and Training Fund (MIA2400/A.R.S. § 27-123)		Federal Funds
Source of Revenue: Fees for education and training of mine employees required under federal regulation.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide mine safety training to mine employees in Arizona. All mine employees are required under federal regulations to receive initial and annual refresher safety training.		
Funds Expended	40,500	55,000
Year-End Fund Balance	302,000	295,000
Federal Grants (MIA2000/A.R.S. § 35-142)		Federal Funds
Source of Revenue: Federal grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration and the Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM).		
Purpose of Fund: To provide mine safety training to mine employees in Arizona. All mine employees are required under federal regulations to receive initial and annual refresher safety training. The state provides a 20% in-kind match. The BLM grant is for an inventory of abandoned mines on BLM lands.		
Funds Expended	317,700	418,500
Year-End Fund Balance	300	300